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BURTON SAYS TAFT IS THE MAN FOR PRESIDENT

He Addresses the Republican Club of Trenton and While He Did Not Name the Secretary of War it Was Evident to All That He Had Him in Mind.

The Cleveland Congressman Proclaims That Any Backward Step From the Republican Platform Would Mean Defeat to the Party—The President is Highly Praised for the Stand Which He has Taken for Certain Reforms.

Trenton, N. J., April 27.—Congressman Burton, of Ohio, in his address before the Republican club of this city, did not discuss Ohio politics, beyond declaring in a sentence or two that he believes Secretary Taft the man best fitted to be the next president. His declaration for Taft called forth great applause.

"Any backward step in the Republican platform of 1908," he said, "or in the nomination of a candidate, will threaten defeat or discomfiture." It was hardly necessary for him to name Secretary Taft after that or to make more pointed reference to the situation in Ohio. The applause of his hearers was sufficient assurance that they understood.

"Participation in public affairs," said Mr. Burton, "is not dignified by the name of patriotism, is at least a requisite for it. It is the basis of reform and civic virtue."

"We are realizing the effect of indifference and inattention to subjects of general interest more than ever before. There is a growing distaste for politics, especially of the practical and efficient type. The constantly increasing opportunities in the United States are enjoyed as a matter of course, and the average citizen takes no thought of the necessity of doing something himself for the maintenance of efficient administration or higher ideals in public life, unless it be in the way of swelling the chorus of irrational criticism and discontent. Under the benumbing influences of this indifference, whatever is discouraging in the present situation has arisen."

"We need a revival of active and conscientious attention to those great questions which concern the public. Mr. Roosevelt, along with his courage, his disposition to give to all a square deal and an equal chance, is

entitled to special credit for his aggressiveness in facing the burning problems of the day and maintaining a position as a leader in solving them in accordance with the best ideas of the people. The crowning distinction of his administration has been his readiness to curb the great, whether possessed of colossal wealth or claiming the following of an army of voters. The greatest responsibility of the Republican party is for wise and efficient legislation, restraining the power of aggregate wealth and providing for the development of our growing industrial system with the greatest possible equality of opportunity. These questions a few decades ago were regarded as almost outside the sphere of politics, but a revolution has taken place.

"The day of great things has come and has come to stay. No crusade should be attempted against honestly acquired wealth or against great enterprises, provided they do not so exercise their powers as to oppress the people. No envy should be visited upon such, but in the enormous growth of wealth, which is characteristic of the present era, the danger of inequality in distribution, the numerous opportunities for dishonesty and the power so to use that which is gained as to create monopoly, all alike require the control of the state. Just as those who have profited by the great opportunities which this country affords would not have succeeded without the protecting arm of law, so also it is necessary that the same law should prevent them from gaining advantage by inequality and wrong. Upon the ability to solve these questions justly, with due regard for all the people, will depend the continued peace in power of the Republican party."

ORTHODOX MONK WANTS PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED

Peasant Representatives are Asked by a Revolutionist to Petition for Such a Move—Emperor to Receive Delegation.

St. Petersburg, April 27.—Emperor Nicholas did not receive the 22 peasant deputies, yesterday, as announced but will do so today, when the deputies, who belong to the Right party, and the Moderates will express their desire to work in harmony with the emperor and their hope of a speedy introduction of general education.

The application of the deputies for an audience has caused passionate arguments in the lobbies of the lower house for two days. The applicants were constantly surrounded by wrathful fellow peasants, denouncing the "reactionary plot to misrepresent the sentiment of the house," and urging that the deputation should be sent by a caucus of all peasant deputies.

Meanwhile, the popular leaders of the Group of Toll party have been quietly endeavoring to persuade some of the peasant deputies to present the emperor with a memorandum expressing the unanimous wish of the peasantry of the distribution of land.

Father Iladze, an orthodox monk and the most violent orator of the

Reactionists, urged the deputies to petition the emperor to dissolve parliament.

The deputies may not present an address to the emperor, but have a direct talk with him. The remaining deputies of the Right party and Moderate party hope to be received after the Russian Easter holidays.

The fashion of applying for audience of the emperor was set by the council of the empire whose members have been received by the emperor yesterday included Professor Maxim Kovalevsky of Kharkoff, leader of the Democrat Reform party.

The monster agrarian committee, a miniature parliament of 99 members, has begun work. M. Kuttler, Constitutional Democrat, who formerly was minister of agriculture, was elected president, but his election was obstinately contested, and it taxed the skill of the Constitutional Democrats, who scarcely have one-fifth of the membership, to win a victory for their candidate. They managed to induce part of the Group of Toll to support M. Kuttler and defeat its own candidate.

SECRETARY TAFT REACHES CINCINNATI THIS MORNING

The Secretary Says He will Make no Political Speeches During This Trip but will Make no Promises for the Future.

SECRETARY Taft arrived here this morning. He was welcomed by his brother, Editor Taft, and a crowd of newspaper men. Taft said:

"Hello, boys, have you come to greet wandering, —A— here he hesitated."

"Wandering Jew" suggested one of the boys.

"No," laughed the secretary, "Wandering public official? A pariparier?"

Taft took breakfast with his brother, then he attended a convention of associated western Yale clubs. He will preside at the Yale banquet tonight.

"I will not discuss politics in any manner during my present visit to Ohio," said Taft.

"As to political speeches that may come after, I cannot say."

Taft said he would go to the Philippines, September 1, for 80 days. He also stated that the present plan was to withdraw the American Army from Cuba, September 1, 1908.

ENGINE EXPLODES; THREE MEN KILLED

Ofallon, Mo., April 27.—A locomotive on the Wabash exploded this morning, killing engineer Kinard, fireman Appleby and brakeman Brown.

MILLER IS ACQUITTED

Mother Waits in Court Room all Night to Hear the Verdict of the Jury.

Wooster, Ohio, April 27.—The jury in the case of Allan Miller, of Alliance, who is charged with the murder of Thomas Dye, aged 15, at Orrville, returned a verdict of "Not guilty" at 4 o'clock this morning, after deliberating all night.

Miller's mother remained in the courtroom all night awaiting the verdict.

Three boys were indicted for the Dye murder, two have been acquitted, while the third, William Everhardt, still awaits trial.

The indictment against William Everhardt was nolle at noon.

VICTIM WILL DIE

Masked Men Take a Farmer From His Home and Use Him Roughly.

Spencer, Ind., April 27.—John Laymon, a farmer who was recently arrested charged with immorality was attacked at his home last night by masked men. A struggle ensued and Laymon was shot twice. His captors then tied him to a tree and prepared to beat him with switches. Laymon pleaded that he was dying, and his captors desisted and left. Laymon will die.

ONE KILLED AND TWO INJURED IN BARN COLLAPSE

Wooster, O., April 28.—The collapse of a barn on the Sowers farm near Apple Creek, this morning, resulted in the death of Otto Smedley, a farm hand, and frightful injuries to Benjamin Sowers and his son Clyde. The latter is expected to die.

INGRATITUDE PERSONIFIED

Cut the Throat of the Man Who Had Favored Him by Allowing Him to Ride.

Hamilton, O., April 27.—An armed posse is hunting for the unknown man who met George Bauerlein, a farmer, on the road last night, begged for a ride, then cut farmer's throat from ear to ear, threw him from the rig and drove away. Bauerlein is dying.

VISITORS TO HARRY

Mother, Sister and Wife Visit the Prisoner But Refuse to Talk.

New York, April 27.—Mrs. William Thaw and the Countess of Yarmouth came from Pittsburgh today and called on Harry Thaw. When they arrived, Evelyn was with Harry. All refused to comment on the interview given in Paris, today, by James Smith, White's brother-in-law, in which he charges a deliberate plot on Thaw's part to kill White on the night of the murder.

INFERNAL MACHINE IN A POST OFFICE BOX

Toledo, O., April 27.—An infernal machine was found in the postoffice box of John Hennen, a postoffice inspector. A secret service man is at work on the mystery. It is supposed to have been sent by men involved in the case, on which Hennen is working.

DEEP TONES OF CHURCH ORGAN CAUSES PANIC.

Sound Mistaken for Rumbblings of an Earthquake and in the Rush for the Doors, Two Women were Killed and a Hundred Injured.

Palermo, Sicily, April 27.—The deep bass tones of a church organ were responsible for a disastrous panic here today. Two women were trampled to death and a hundred others seriously hurt in a stampede to get out of the building. Frequent earthquakes recently have kept the populace in a state of alarm. A large audience had gathered in the cathedral and when the low rumbling tones organ were heard, there was a wild rush for the doors, as the worshippers believed another earthquake had struck the town.

MANY MEN KILLED IN COLLAPSE OF PIER

From Forty to Fifty Lives Snuffed Out When the Big Structure Falls—Only Four Bodies Have Been Recovered.

Baltimore, Md., April 27.—The new pier of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad in course of construction, off Locust Point, collapsed today, burying the workmen. It is thought that the support of one end of the pier gave away, precipitating the entire section into the water.

Up to noon four bodies had been recovered. Every rescue policeman is on the scene and all available ambulances were called out. The work of rescue is proceeding as rapidly as possible. A steamer which was moored to a nearby pier, was lifted eight feet by the upheaval caused by the accident.

It is now estimated that the list of dead and injured will reach to between forty and fifty and the number of injured is estimated at twenty-five.

ENGINE STOPPED WITH PILOT AGAINST OBSTRUCTION

Train Wreckers Attempt to Wreck Train on the Southern—Vandals Were Seen Running Away and Were Fired Upon but They Escaped.

Charlotte, N. C., April 27.—An attempt was made last night to wreck the fast mail train on the Southern railway, north of here. Ties were piled across the tracks on a steep embankment but the timely discovery enabled the engineer to stop the train with the engines' pilot against the ties. Wreckers were seen running away as the train stopped. The train crew fired on them, but they escaped. It is believed to have been a plot to rob the train after wrecking it.

TAFT'S CANDIDACY IN BLACK AND WHITE

Burton will Make a Bold Move in Order to Assure Ohio Representatives Who are Now Just a Little Weak in the Knees.

Washington, April 27.—The next move of Burton, Taft's Washington manager, following his "I am for Taft" speech at Trenton, N. J., last night, will be a statement putting Taft's candidacy in black and white. This is to reassure the nervous Ohio politicians, who hesitate to desert Dick, Foraker and the state organization for fear Taft will pull out of the fight and leave them friendless.

Burton's Trenton speech, in which he lauded Taft as the man who carries out Roosevelt's policies, is believed to have been approved by the president, who had a long interview with Burton just before he left for the exposition.

FORMER RAILROAD PRESIDENT SUICIDES

While on an Ocean Liner Between Naples and New York He Sends a Bullet Into His Body—Poor Health was the Cause.

New York, April 27.—David Willcox, who but recently cabled from Europe his resignation as president of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad Co., committed suicide Wednesday on board the North German Lloyd steamer Barbarossa, which arrived here last night.

The news of the suicide did not come out until Capt. Langreiter made his report at midnight to Health Officer Doty. It had been reported that Mr. Willcox died of heart failure, but later investigation, according to the captain showed that he had shot himself.

It was known that Mr. Willcox had gone abroad in hope of regaining his health, but when his resignation was cabled, it appeared that he had given up all hope of recovery. His suicide is supposed to have been caused by despondency.

In reporting the facts to Mr. Doty, the captain said that he had only a few moments before been made aware of the real cause of death. Dr.

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The heavyweight secretary of war made a deep impression on the isthmus.

—Dartholomew in Minneapolis Journal.